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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement, filed in this matter on August 22, 2005, advised the U.S. Patent Office of a later filed International Application, No. PCT/FR2003/000367.

The U.S. Patent Office is further advised that the U.S. patent application derived from International Application No. PCT/FR2003/000367, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371, has since been assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/544,823.

The U.S. Patent Office is further advised of a French Patent Application, No. 02/00514, which was filed on January 16, 2002, and which corresponds to International Application No. PCT/FR2003/000367, providing a concise explanation of the relevance of this non-English language document.

French Patent Application No. 02/00514 was published under the No. 2,834,803 on July 18, 2003, and a copy of French Publication No. 2,834,803 is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement.

A search was performed in connection with French Patent Application No. 02/00514, and a copy of the issued Search Report, No. FA 617945, is attached to the enclosed French Publication No. 2,834,803. The documents cited in the French Search Report duplicate the documents cited in the PCT Search Report issued in connection with International Application No. PCT/FR2003/000367, which are identified in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in this matter on August 22, 2005.

Due consideration of the foregoing information is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)(2). It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of this information by initialing the PTO-1449 form (1) which is

enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement and which lists the foregoing document, and by providing applicants with an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of the listed document.

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